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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Continued	Prosecution Application of:
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Application No.: 08/897,455

Filed: July 22, 1997

For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS

AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES

FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND

PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE

COMPOUNDS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Before examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 11-22 as follows:

11. (New) A corticoid 17,21-dicarboxylic ester or corticosteroid 17-carboxylic

ester 21-carbonic ester of the formula I

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